

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i>) SO CAL EQUAL ACCESS GROUP JASON KIM (SBN: 190246) 101 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE SECOND FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90004 TELEPHONE NO: (213) 205-6560 FAX NO (<i>Optional</i>): E-MAIL ADDRESS (<i>Optional</i>): ATTORNEY FOR (<i>Name</i>): SAM BENFORD	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles STREET ADDRESS: 350 West 1st Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, 90012 BRANCH NAME: FIRST STREET U.S COURTHOUSE	
PLAINTIFF / PETITIONER: SAM BENFORD DEFENDANT / RESPONDENT: STERLING MACHINERY AUCTIONS LLC; DEBRA LOUISE MATTES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DEBRA MATTES LIVING TRUST	CASE NUMBER: 2:25-cv-06630-ODW (MBKx)
PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS	Ref. No. or File No.: 14311630

(Separate proof of service is required for each party served.)

1. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.
2. I served copies of: (Fed.R. Civ. P. 4(c)(2). "Service in compliance with federal rules of civil procedures")
 - a. ☒ summons
 - b. ☒ complaint
 - c. ☐ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) package
 - d. ☒ Civil Case Cover Sheet (*served in complex cases only*)
 - e. ☐ cross-complaint
 - f. ☒ other (*specify documents*): CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES; NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES; NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT-DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM; NOTICE TO COUNSEL RE CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE; NOTICE TO PARTIES: ADA DISABILITY ACCESS LITIGATION; CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL ORDER DECLINING SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION
3. a. Party served (*specify name of party as shown on documents served*):
DEBRA LOUISE MATTES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DEBRA MATTES LIVING TRUST
 - b. ☐ Person (other than the party in item 3a) served on behalf of an entity or as an authorized agent (and not a person under item 5b on whom substituted service was made) (*specify name and relationship to the party named in item 3a*):
4. Address where the party was served:
180 Rancho Road, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
5. I served the party (*check proper box*)
 - a. ☒ **by personal service.** I personally delivered the documents listed in item 2 to the party or person authorized to receive service of process for the party (1) on (*date*): Wed, Oct 08 2025 (2) at (*time*): 09:26 PM
 - b. ☐ **by substituted service.** On (*date*): at (*time*): I left the documents listed in item 2 with or in the presence of (*name and title or relationship to person indicated in item 3*):
 - (1) ☐ (**business**) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the office or usual place of business of the person to be served. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (2) ☐ (**home**) a competent member of the household (at least 18 years of age) at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the party. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (3) ☐ (**physical address unknown**) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the usual mailing address of the person to be served, other than a United States Postal Service post office box. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (4) ☐ I thereafter mailed (by first-class, postage prepaid) copies of the documents to the person to be served at the place where the copies were left (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20). I mailed the documents on (*date*): from (*city*): or ☐ a declaration of mailing is attached.
 - (5) ☐ I attach a **declaration of diligence** stating actions taken first to attempt personal service.

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5. c. ☐ **by mail and acknowledgment of receipt of service.** I mailed the documents listed in item 2 to the party, to the address shown in item 4, by first-class mail, postage prepaid,
(1) on (date): (2) from (city):
(3) ☐ with two copies of the *Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt* and a postage-paid return envelope addressed to me. (*Attach completed Notice and Acknowledgement of Receipt.*) (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.30.)
(4) ☐ to an address outside California with return receipt requested. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.40.)
d. ☐ **by other means** (*specify means of service and authorizing code section*):

☐ Additional page describing service is attached.
6. The "Notice to the Person Served" (on the summons) was completed as follows:
a. ☐ as an individual defendant.
b. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (*specify*):
c. ☐ as occupant.
d. ☐ On behalf of (*specify*):
under the following Code of Civil Procedure section:

<input type="checkbox"/> 416.10 (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> 415.95 (business organization, form unknown)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.20 (defunct corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> 416.60 (minor)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.30 (joint stock company/association)	<input type="checkbox"/> 416.70 (ward or conservatee)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.40 (association or partnership)	<input type="checkbox"/> 416.90 (authorized person)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.50 (public entity)	<input type="checkbox"/> 415.46 (occupant)
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
7. **Person who served papers**
a. Name: MICHAEL RODGERS
b. Address: 440 NORTH MOUNTAIN AVENUE SUITE 115, UPLAND, CA 91786
c. Telephone number: 909-850-5242
d. **The fee for service was:**
e. I am:
(1) ☐ not a registered California process server.
(2) ☐ exempt from registration under Business and Professions Code section 22350(b).
(3) ☒ a registered California process server:
(i) ☐ owner ☐ employee ☒ independent contractor
(ii) Registration No: 833
(iii) County: SAN BERNARDINO
8. ☒ **I declare** under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
or
9. ☐ **I am a California sheriff or marshal and** I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10/16/2025

MICHAEL RODGERS

(NAME OF PERSON WHO SERVED PAPERS / SHERIFF OR MARSHAL)



(SIGNATURE)